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# REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995.

See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

Application Number 10/091,380

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Group Art Unit 2839

Examiner Name T. C. Patel

Attorney Docket Number 2001P80039 US

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

**NOTE:** 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53 (d) (PTO/ISB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

## 1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

- a.  Previously submitted
  - i.  Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on November 18, 2003  
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
  - ii.  Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_
  - iii.  Other \_\_\_\_\_
- b.  Enclosed
  - i.  Amendment/Reply
  - ii.  Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
  - iii.  Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
  - iv.  Other \_\_\_\_\_

THE SUBMISSION REQUIREMENT IS MET  
APPLICANT'S SUPPLEMENTAL AMENDMENT  
UPON FINAL REJECTION FILED ON OR  
ABOUT NOVEMBER 18, 2003 ALONG WITH  
ITS NEW ISSUES NOTED IN ADVISORY  
ACTION OF ON OR ABOUT NOVEMBER 24,  
2003, AND CLAIMS 26 TO 29 TO BE  
ENTERED AND CONSIDERED

## 2. Miscellaneous

- a.  Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(l) required)
- b.  Other REQUEST FOR ONE MONTH EXTENSION TO 11/22/03 WAS FILED ON OR ABOUT 11/18/2003

## 3. Fees

The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

- a.  The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 06-0105 (ONLY DEFICIENCY - see other below)
  - i.  RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)
  - ii.  Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)
  - iii.  Other ONLY ANY DEFICIENCY IN REQUIRED RCE FEE UNDER 37 CFR 1.17(e) IF ANY
- b.  Check/in the amount of \$ 770.00 enclosed
- c.  Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

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## SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED

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